

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A HYBRID NETWORK DEVICE  
FOR PERFORMING IN A VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK AND A  
WIRELESS LOCAL AREA NETWORK**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and apparatus for a hybrid network device for performing in a virtual private network (VPN) and a wireless local area network (WLAN) are provided. The hybrid network device comprises a VPN module serving as a VPN hardware accelerator in a WLAN module, which performs in the WLAN, wherein the hybrid network device integrates WLAN and VPN capabilities into one device.

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